

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 27-3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-3)

7 Sec. 27-3. Patriotism and principles of representative  
8 government - Proper use of flag - Method of voting - Pledge  
9 of Allegiance. American patriotism and the principles of  
10 representative government, as enunciated in the American  
11 Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United  
12 States of America and the Constitution of the State of  
13 Illinois, and the proper use and display of the American  
14 flag, shall be taught in all public schools and other  
15 educational institutions supported or maintained in whole or  
16 in part by public funds. No student shall receive a  
17 certificate of graduation without passing a satisfactory  
18 examination upon such subjects.

19 Instruction shall be given in all such schools and  
20 institutions in the method of voting at elections by means of  
21 the Australian Ballot system and the method of the counting  
22 of votes for candidates.

23 ~~The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited~~ Each school day  
24 ~~by~~ pupils in elementary educational institutions supported or  
25 maintained in whole or in part by public funds shall recite  
26 the Pledge of Allegiance or participate in a moment of  
27 silence.

28 (Source: P.A. 81-959.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
30 July 1, 2002.